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For: Image Forming Apparatus, Toner Counter and

Method of Calculating Toner Consumption Amount

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2009, setting forth a restriction of species requirement, applicant elects Species I, FIGS. 4-10. In this regard, although the Office Action identifies Species I as FIGS. 4-11, applicant submits that only FIGS. 4-10 correspond to Species I. Claims 1-5, 39, 40 and 45 are readable on Species I.

Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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